



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 2623"

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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SADAO TAKAHASHI : EXAMINER: DASTOURI, M.
SERIAL NO: 09/551,466 :
FILED: APRIL 17, 2000 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2623
FOR: IMAGE BINARIZATION :
APPARATUS, IMAGE BINARIZATION
METHOD, IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS,
IMAGE PICKUP METHOD, AND A
COMPUTER PRODUCT

DO NOT ENTER.
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004, please amend the above-
identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 33 of this paper.